



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HORIZON COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOM 1
15444 N. 100TH STREET
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85260
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

MINUTES

- PRESENT:** Robert Frost, Chair
Jeanne Alspaugh, Vice Chair
James Duchene, Commissioner
John Faramelli, Commissioner
Ron King, Commissioner
Stan Koczka, Commissioner
Harry Schlegelmilch, Commissioner
- STAFF:** Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager
Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director
Don Davis, Parks and Recreation Manager
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager
Maureen McFadzen, Recreation Coordinator
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager
Gary Meyer, Manager of Capital Projects Management
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager
Candice Winters, Recreation Leader III,
- GUESTS:** Richard Getzen, Vice-President, Scottsdale Aquatic Club
Grant Bishop
MaLeesa Meyers, Founder of Global Child Advocates (GCA)
Michael Pond, Feed the Need
Terry Tobin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above, noting the presence of a quorum.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Frost called for a moment of silence.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Regular Meeting of October 21, 2009.**

COMMISSIONER KOCZKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2009 REGULAR MEETING. VICE-CHAIR ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).

5. HORIZON AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Maureen McFadzen, Recreation Coordinator, and Candice Winters, Recreation Leader III, will provide park and community center updates.

Ms. McFadzen provided an overview of Horizon Park. The operational budget is \$410,000 for the center and the park. The maintenance operational budget is \$470,000, which covers Horizon, McDowell Mountain Ranch, Aztec, Thunderbird and Cholla Parks. The community center is 15,000 square feet. The park is 95 acres, and features softball, volleyball, and basketball amenities. The dog park is 2/3 of an acre and averages about 6,100 users per month. Maintenance closes the dog park for a couple of hours each Thursday to clean it. Horizon's community center hosts 85 leisure education classes. Bookings for the park, the ramadas and fields increased this year.

Ms. Winters reviewed the Horizon After School Program, which provides care for 110 children from six different schools. Staff implements a positive behavior recognition program. Upcoming events include Fitness Frenzy, Scottsdale Police and Fire Department safety talks, Vista Food Drive, Holiday Talent Show and a flower garden. The Teen Program provides service to 65 teens from three different schools. The Wii Fit for Life activities have been successful in getting young people active. The youth produce a cookbook of healthy recipes by the end of the term. Ten for Ten provides a \$10 gift card for every ten hours of homework a child engages in. Ms. McFadzen said Fitness Frenzy is a shared grant program funded through the Salt River Pima/Maricopa Indian Community. Children engage in fitness and nutrition courses, and are offered incentives for participation. The program is designed to address obesity and the lack of physical education classes in schools. In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. McFadzen explained that the After School Program can accommodate 20 participants for every staff person.

Commissioner Duchene inquired about program equity among the different facilities. Ms. McFadzen responded that a youth development team meets once per month to discuss each program. They are all formatted similarly, though some variations exist depending on

facility amenities. Commissioner Duchene emphasized the importance of following up with people who are turned away from the program due to lack of space. The Commission can use that information when it comes time to communicate the needs of the community to Council. Ms. McFadzen said Staff monitors the daily average attendance and accommodates people from the waiting list as space becomes available.

Commissioner Koczka inquired how complaints are handled regarding the off-leash area. Ms. McFadzen said she calls the Police to mediate whenever altercations arise between dog owners. The park has roving staff, but the off-leash area does not have a specific monitor. In response to an inquiry from Vice-Chair Alspaugh, Ms. McFadzen explained that students from Notre Dame Academy form the core of the volunteer effort, and other groups volunteer for occasional activities. Vice-Chair Alspaugh suggested that the School District's Service Learning Program would also be a good source for volunteers. She also proposed that the cookbook produced by students could be sold as a means of generating revenue.

Chair Frost invited public commentary. Ms. Tobin expressed her gratitude to Scottsdale for the Adaptive Recreation Program. The staff offers expertise unavailable elsewhere, even in private daycare centers. Staff takes extra time with her son to make him feel welcome.

6. CACTUS CLASSIC SWIM MEET UPDATE

Mr. Richard Getzen, Vice-President, Scottsdale Aquatic Club, will give a recap of the Cactus Classic Swim Meet held at Cactus Aquatic & Fitness Center and would like to thank the City of Scottsdale for their support.

Mr. Getzen said the City's partnership and support has helped to make the Scottsdale Aquatic Club a success. Graduating seniors are routinely recruited into the best swim programs in the country. The program currently serves over 300 Scottsdale families. The Cactus Classic is one of the state's premiere swim events. The 2009 meet was sponsored by *Swimming World* magazine and was broadcast on the web. The meet attracted 700 athletes representing 41 teams from around the country, as well as Mexico, Canada, and Australia. He presented a plaque to the City of Scottsdale and the Parks and Recreation Department for supporting the club and the Cactus Classic.

7. GLOBAL CHILD ADVOCATES

MaLeesa Meyers, Founder of Global Child Advocates (GCA), Dr. Duane Meyers, Treasurer, GCA, and Brent Crawley and Michael Pond, Volunteers with GCA, will provide information on partnering with Parks and Recreation at upcoming Skate Park Competition at Eldorado Park on March 27, 2010.

Ms. Meyers said Global Child Advocates (GCA) has the mission of providing aid, comfort and education to orphan, neglected and at risk youth around the world. GCA is beginning a concerted effort to serve youth locally, by serving as their advocates, drawing attention to their situation, and involve the community as volunteers. The goal is to restore youth to the community as productive and contributing members of society. She described the GCA as a Christ-centered organization that is willing to assist youth regardless of their faith. The group provides a safe haven for parents to reach out for help and connect them to resources. The GCA collaborates with other organizations such as Feed the Need.

Mr. Pond said Feed the Need is also a Christian organization that tries to positively influence the skateboarding community by befriending kids and sharing the faith with any that are open to it. Ms. Meyers said the GCA is requesting that the City of Scottsdale allow the organization to assist in skating events, and to distribute information. Future events could include a family-friendly skating event, health and safety demonstrations, and efforts to counter graffiti.

Commissioner Faramelli inquired how this effort would work with the City's skateboard competition. Ms. Erickson responded that the City has discussed ways to incorporate the group's activities as a supplement to the skate competition at Eldorado. In response to a further inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Erickson said the event offers space for groups to set up booths. The GCA has volunteered to assist in setting up the booths and providing the health and safety components. No financial component is involved.

Commissioner Koczka said nothing in the presentation would discourage him from seeing this as a positive way to deal with youngsters, but he noted the potential that issues could arise regarding the separation between church and state. Ms. Meyers responded that outside of handing out flyers, the group does not try to preach or evangelize at skating events. The GCA meets with parents to discuss their faith, and to seek their permission.

8. TROON NORTH COMMUNITY PARK PHASE I DESIGN UPDATE

Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager will provide an update on the design for the Troon North Community Park Phase I.

Mr. Barnard presented the design of Phase I of Troon North Community Park. The site was planned as a 34-acre community park with turf basins, lighted sport courts, ramadas, a playground, a multi-use trail, a restroom building, parking, and a community center. Both the design and construction will be phased in. The design of Phase I is being completed at this time. Phase II is un-funded and would include the community center and associated parking. He reviewed a series of diagrams illustrating the site plan. Mr. Meyer added that the plan should go out to bid by January, and the construction contract could be before City Council in February. Because of the substantial need for earthmoving, the construction portion should last approximately 18 months. The Storm Water division is funding a good portion of the project.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Meyer explained that the channel is designed to slow floodwater but not hold it. In a large storm event, the turf area would be underwater, however the structures on the ridge would be untouched, including the basketball courts. Chair Frost inquired about the extensive use of retaining walls. Mr. Meyer explained that they are intended to soften the impact of slopes by providing rock terraces that will blend into the natural landscape. The same team that did Gateway, Pinnacle Peak and Lost Dog Wash is designing them. Chair Frost felt the inclusion of seat walls would be a waste of money, and few would use them. Mr. Meyer responded that it would serve as an area to rest while allowing a view of the nearby activity. Mr. Barnard added that they serve a dual purpose as retaining walls.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

The Commissioners will give updates on events and activities they have attended since the last commission meeting.

Commissioner Koczka discussed the competitive quality of the leagues that use the Scottsdale Sports Complex, and commended Staff on their maintenance efforts there. Scottsdale Stadium has also been in great shape for the Arizona Fall League games. Vice-Chair Alspaugh attended the Tip-a-Cop fundraising event held by Adaptive Recreation and the Police Department. Chair Frost discussed the Fall Festival. He announced that he would represent the Commission during the General Plan update meetings.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, will update the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

Ms. Cameron noted that the Arizona Fall league would continue through November 14. The City will have two Veterans Day events. The Tip-a-Cop event raised just over \$3,200 for East Valley Special Olympics. McDowell Mountain Ranch was voted best public pool for 2009 by the *Phoenix New Times*. The Railfair event attracted over 7,000 train riders, 4,000 carousel riders, and generated \$25,000 in revenue.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.